

Unit Highlights

Visitors to this district unit can enjoy the recreation serenity of a longleaf pine ecosystem and the historic pasts of Fullerton Lake Recreation Complex and Little Cypress Recreation Complex.

Surrounding Areas

Fullerton Lake Recreation Complex was once the site of the Fullerton Sawmill & community, which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1986. Ruins and foundations of the one of the largest sawmill operations in the South may be seen on the 1.6-mile Fullerton Mill Trail. Fullerton Lake offers a variety of recreation options including picnicking, camping, fishing, hiking, non-motorized boating, and a group picnic shelter. Little Cypress Recreation Complex features a 3-acre spring fed pond surrounded by cypress & various hardwood forest and is encircled by the ½-mile Ol’ Sarge Interpretive Trail. Little Cypress is a small day use recreation area that offers picnicking, fishing, fully accessible Ol’ Sarge Interpretive Trail, volleyball court, and a group picnic shelter.

For More Information

Calcasieu Ranger District

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Vernon Unit

Calcasieu Ranger District Kisatchie National Forest



Ol' Sarge Trail at Little Cypress Pond



Recreational Information

General

This unit encompasses 85,000 acres and is close to the Leesville / Ft. Polk area and surrounding Vernon parish.

Developed Recreation

The unit administers four developed recreation complexes; Little Cypress, Blue Hole, Government Pond and Fullerton Lake Recreation Complexes. Use of these facilities is free of charge, with exception of the group picnic shelters. User fees are as follows:

Day-Use Fees

\$ 3.00 - vehicle/OHV
\$ 15 – 50.00 for shelter,
call for reservations

Camping Fees

Fullerton single-\$5.00/night
Enduro Camp-\$3.00/night

ATV and Horse Trails

The Vernon offers visitors over 52 miles of trails throughout pine and hardwood forests. The trails connect some of the recreation complexes.

Horseback riders from across the state enjoy the open longleaf forest carpeted by blue stem grass. A trail ride through the open longleaf country will work a great appetite for the barbeque back in camp.

Whisky Chitto Trail – 10 miles

Big Branch Trail – 10 miles

Enduro Multiple-Use Trails – 30 miles

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Other Essentials

The Vernon is a very popular area for various hunting and fishing opportunities. Contact the Calcasieu District office for dates and regulations. With numerous scenic areas, bogs and special interest areas, the Vernon Unit has a very unique selection of ecological interests for both nature studies and wildlife viewing. Changing plant life across the seasonal calendar gives the Vernon Unit a completely different look throughout the year.

There are separate individual recreation guides for the following areas on the Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District:

- 1) Fullerton Lake Recreation Complex
- 2) Little Cypress Recreation Complex
- 3) Enduro Camp and Trail
- 4) Blue Hole Recreation Complex
- 5) Whisky Chitto Hiking and Horse Trail

The above guides can be found at the Calcasieu Ranger District Office located on Highway 28 West, the Information Board at the corner of LA Hwy 10 and FS Road 400, or at the Kisatchie National Forest Supervisor's Office located on Shreveport Highway in Pineville, Louisiana.

Fort Polk and the Kisatchie

The portion of the Vernon used by Fort Polk is also a popular Wildlife Management Area. Hunters come from all over the state to hunt deer and turkey at the Fort Polk Wildlife Management Area.

For more information concerning the above pamphlets or any other questions you might have, please feel free to contact the Calcasieu Ranger District Office during normal business hours of 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at (318) 793-9427.

Recreational Opportunities and Facilities on the Calcasieu Ranger District's Vernon Unit

Fees	Picnic	Camping					Water Sports					Trails					Facilities									
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	Day-Use Area	Trailers and Campers	Recreational Vehicles	Group Picnic Area	Tents	Sanitary Dump Station	Fire Rings/Grills	Swimming	Bank Fishing	Pier Fishing	Water Skiing	Non-Motorized Boating	Motorized Boat Launch	Hiking	Interpretive Biking	Off Road Horse	Flush Toilets	Vault Toilets	Drinking Water	Trash Disposal						
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(1) = \$35 - \$75 Daily Fee, reservations required.

